



November 28, 2012

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: United States Cellular Corporation

WT Docket No. 12-69
WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 06-122 and 10-90
GN Docket No. 09-51
AU Docket No. 12-25

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral ex parte presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings. On November 26, 2012, representatives of U.S. Cellular including Mary Dillon, President and CEO; LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., Chairman; Michael Irizarry, Executive Vice President & Chief Technology Officer; and the undersigned, along with Joseph Hanley, Senior Vice President of Technology, Services & Strategy for Telephone & Data Systems, Inc., met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and her Legal Advisor Louis Peraertz.

During the course of that discussion, we discussed the points summarized in the attached presentation and urged the Commissioner to support an interoperability rule at the January 2013 Open Meeting.

We also stressed the need for the Commission to act soon on interoperability before public safety agencies begin to deploy non-interoperable 700 MHz devices and thereby further thwart nationwide public safety interoperability.

We discussed our understanding of the voluntary industry discussions held pursuant to the NPRM and the fact that U.S. Cellular had been party to a number of discussions with other wireless carriers, including AT&T, as well as device

manufacturers and chipset manufacturers to discuss ways to resolve perceived interoperability challenges. U.S. Cellular indicated that it had no reason to believe that AT&T or any other party to those discussions had not acted in good faith to resolve the matter privately. We indicated that on each occasion those discussions ended with the parties continuing to disagree over the existence of perceived customer impacting interference. We stated that we believed those industry discussions were at a standstill and the time was now for the Commission to intervene to restore interoperability to the Lower 700 MHz ecosystem.

U.S. Cellular also discussed its recent participation in the Commission's Mobility Fund Phase I Auction. We expressed concerns regarding the insufficient size of the Mobility Phase I Fund, urged the Commission to allocate additional funding to wireless carriers in Phase II and advocated for the adoption of a forward-looking cost model to distribute wireless support in Phase II. We also raised concerns regarding the recently filed Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition filed by AT&T.

Finally, we questioned the long term viability of the Universal Service Fund, given the continued decline in revenues foretold by the accelerated shift of voice traffic to data networks and urged the Commission to act promptly to reform the contribution methodology.

Sincerely,

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CCs to:

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